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Code/Procedural Interpretation

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**CFD Interpretation:** Communication Paths to Central Station Service

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**Code Reference:** 2013 Edition NFPA 72, Chapter 26

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**Subject:**

Does Charlotte require two transmission paths for Central Station Monitoring?

**Interpretation:**

Per the 2013 Edition of NFPA 72, in keeping with performance-based technologies, a single transmission path may be utilized for Central Station Monitoring provided that:

1. The path shall be supervised at an interval of not more than 60 minutes.
2. A failure of the path shall be annunciated at the supervising station within not more than 60 minutes.
3. Failure to complete a signal transmission shall be annunciated at the protected premises.